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<TEXT>Iam surviving on \$591.00/month I can not afford the monthly long distance prices and use a Tracfone with an annual service as insurance since I live in a rural community and in case of a car breakdown or accident need to be able to seek assistance. I can not afford emotionally to give up the phone nor can I safely not have one....The fees currently levied on the broadcasters should be enough to run your agency without burdening the rest of us...PLEASE Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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